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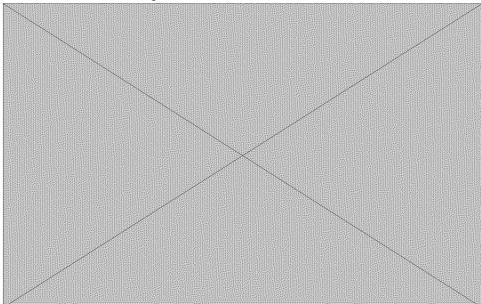
West Lake Landfill Updates

- 1. State of Missouri v. Republic Services
- 2. CommUnity Meeting at Pattonville High School May 16
- 3. MCE Press Conference Recap
- 4. Rolling Stone Magazine Makes West Lake National News

State of Missouri v. Republic Services

Missouri's Attorney General, Chris Koster, announced a <u>preliminary</u> <u>agreement</u> between his office and Republic Services yesterday. While the AG has signaled an agreement with Republic regarding the impact of the odor on the community, the lawsuit originally filed is still on the table. If Republic Services does not fulfill its end of the agreement reached yesterday, Chris Koster has the ability to go after the company with the full force of the law. MCE is not fully satisfied with the agreement and is working with communities around the landfill to help address their concerns.

Attorney General Koster was <u>interviewed by Mark Reardon of KMOX</u> following the press conference. The ALARMING part of the interview comes 5 minutes in when Koster says, "...there is a significant possibility that [the fire] is going to move into the northern section of the quarry." The northern section of the quarry is where the radioactive nuclear weapons wastes have been sitting since 1973.



The small blue circle shows a 1 mile radius around the landfill. The large blue circle shows a 3 mile radius around the landfill. The yellow pins represent odors logged by citizens on heavy odor days (April 15, May 7, May 11). Map created by MCE's Ed Smith.

CommUnity Meeting Hosted by Concerned Citizens

Tomorrow (5/26) a community group that recently formed to address issues at the West Lake Landfill will hold a meeting in the Pattonville High School cafeteria.

When: May 16 from 7-9pm

Where: 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Rd, Maryland Heights, MO

More details on the Facebook event and Maryland Heights Patch.

MCE Press Conference Recap from Monday

MCE held a press conference on Monday to elevate concerns of people who live around the West Lake Landfill. The map pictured above was used during the press conference to show how pervasive the nuisance odor at the landfill has become.

MCE and concerned citizens called for involvement in negotiations between the AG's office and Republic Services. People living around the landfill need to have a seat at the table because this is their community. We also called for transparency and accountability from our state agencies tasked with ensuring the safety of people around the landfill. We are encouraged by the fact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) are conducting and evaluating air sampling data from the landfill. The problem is that it is taking too long to get this information to the people that need it to protect their families. Weeks old data does not help parents protect their children. **Real-time data is a must!**

ACTION ITEM: Call DNR and DHSS and demand:

- Real time information about what you are breathing.
- Release of comprehensive air monitoring data.
- A public meeting to address community concerns.

DHSS Director: (573) 751-6001 DNR Director: (573) 751-3443

Rolling Stone Makes West Lake National News

On May 10, Rolling Stone Magazine published a story called <u>St. Louis is Burning</u>. The story goes in-depth about the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. Please read and share the Rolling Stone article, written by a St. Louis native, with your friends, family, and co-workers. **People need to know what's happening in St. Louis!**

Bridgeton/West Lake Landfill in The News

May 15, 2013

Public News Service
Riverfront Times
Florissant Patch

May 14, 2013

KMOX interview with AG Koster and Maryland Heights resident Dawn Chapman

KSDK with Leisa Zigman
St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis Public Radio
Fox 2 News
KMOV

May 13, 2013

Fox 2 News
KMOV
KSDK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Public Radio

KSDK two part series on nuclear weapons wastes

February 1, 2013: Part 1 of Leisa Zigman's KSDK investigation - Cancer Cluster Map of St. Louis

February 2, 2013: Part 2 of Leisa Zigman's KSDK investigation - Homeowners Lose Faith with EPA over West Lake Landfill

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